

2016 Water Quality

Consumer Confidence Report

CONCORD ESTATES MHP 010-0203

Is my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Your water source come from two (2) wells that withdraw water from the Harpers Formation Aquifer, a fractured rock aquifer. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed the Source Water Assessment for Concord Estates Mobile Home Park water supply in 2005. MDE has determined that the Concord Estates Mobile Home Park water supply is susceptible to contamination from naturally occurring radionuclides. It is not susceptible to volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compound, other inorganic compounds, fecal coliform or protozoans like *cryptosporidia* and *giardia*.

Source water assessment and its availability

Source water Assessment was conducted by the Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Supply Program. It is available through the water supply program by calling 1 (800) 633-6101.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Lead Statement

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Concord Estates Mobile Home Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

How can I get involved?

The most important impact the consumer can have on the water supply is to recognize the finite nature of our water supply and to practice water conservation principles.

Violations

MDE established that there were deficiencies in the distribution system at Concord MHP that required a new distribution system to be installed. Work to replace the system began after the date MDE established resulting in a violation. The new distribution system has been completed and the violation has been resolved.

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report, unless otherwise indicated. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Tap water samples were collected from homes throughout the service area and tested for lead and copper				
Contaminant	MCL	Detected Level	MCLG	Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids ug/l	60	0	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Trihalomethanes ug/l	80	0	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Copper, mg/l (2015)	1.3	0.34	1.3	leaching from plumbing
Lead, ppb	15	0	0	leaching from plumbing

WELL # 1 & # 2				
Regulated Contaminants	MCL	Detected Level	MCLG	Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha, pCi/l	15	9	0	erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta, pCi/l	*50	8.6	0	decay of natural deposits
Combined Radium (226 & 228) pCi/l	5	0.6	N/A	erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate, mg/l	10	2	0	runoff from fertilizer
Chlorine, mg/l	4	1	4	water additive used to control microbes
Unregulated Contaminants	MCL	Detected Level	MCLG	Source of Contamination

Definitions:

- (1) **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the highest level of a contaminant allowed to be present in drinking water
- (2) **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the level of contaminant in drinking water below which, there is no known or expected health risk
- (3) **Action Level:** the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which the system must follow
- (4) **mg/l:** milligrams per liter, or parts per million
- (5) **ug/l:** micrograms per liter, or parts per billion
- (6) **mrem/yr:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
- (7) **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)
- (8) ***50 EPA considers 50 pCi/yr a level of concern for Beta particles**
- (9) **RAA:** Highest Running Annual Range

Executive Summary
Concord Mobile Home Park Water System
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The Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Supply Program (WSP) has conducted Source Water Assessments for community water systems in Frederick County, including Concord Mobile Home Park water system. The required components of this report as described in Maryland's Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) are 1) delineation of an area that contributes water to the source, 2) identification of potential sources of contamination, and 3) determination of the susceptibility of the water supply to contamination. Recommendations for protecting the drinking water supply conclude this report.

The source of the Concord Mobile Home Park water supply is the Harpers Formation Aquifer, a fractured-rock aquifer in the Blue Ridge Physiographic Region. The Concord Mobile Home Park water system currently uses two wells in the Harpers Formation. The Source Water Assessment area was delineated by the WSP using U.S. EPA approved methods specifically designed for water supplies in fractured-rock aquifers.

Potential sources of contamination were researched and identified within the assessment area from field inspections, contaminant and well inventory databases, and land use maps. Well information and water quality data were also reviewed. A map showing the Source Water Assessment areas are available on request.

The susceptibility analysis is based on a review of the existing water quality data for each water system, the presence of potential sources of contamination in the individual assessment areas, well integrity, and aquifer characteristics. It was determined that the Concord Mobile Home Park water supply is susceptible to contamination from naturally occurring radionuclides; it is not susceptible to volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compounds, other inorganic compounds, fecal coliform or protozoans like cryptosporidia and giardia.. The susceptibility of the water supply to Radon, a naturally occurring element, will depend upon final MCL that is adopted for this contaminant.

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